Sophisticated weapons for Delhi Police

†*345. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi Police possess outdated weapons;

(b) whether Government propose to provide sophisticated weapons and other equipments to Delhi Police and Police of other States of the country as provided to the Police Officials in foreign countries; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Delhi Police has sizeable number of sophisticated weapons in its armoury. These include Self-loading and Bolt action 7.62 MM Rifles, SAF Carbines, AK-47 Rifles, 9 MM Pistols, Grenade Firing Rifles, MP-5 Guns and Pump Action Guns. Besides, the action for procurement of additional quantities of such sophisticated weapons is at hand.

(b) and (c) The modernization of weaponry in a Police Force is a continuing process. The requirement of modern weaponry in Delhi Police was recently studied by the Bureau of Police Research & Development and the recommendations made by the Bureau have been accepted in principle by the Government. It is envisaged to implement these recommendations in a phased manner.

The Government have also been providing assistance, every year, to the State Governments, on matching contribution basis, for modernization of their Police Force, including the modernization of weaponry.

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